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54. (new) The method for imparting a grouted edge appearance to a flooring module having a textile face of claim 1, wherein removal of a peripheral portion of the textile face leaves a bevel at the edge of the textile face.

55. (new) The method for imparting a grouted edge appearance to a flooring module of claim 2, wherein each shear is positioned at an acute angle relative to the flooring module face to produce a beveled edges on that face.

56. (new) The floor covering of claim 13, wherein the removal of face material leaves a bevel surface near each edge.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

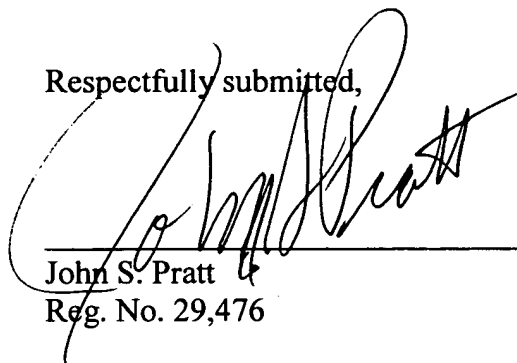
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